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# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*Fellow Citizens* :—In conformity to established usage and the requirements of law, the School Committee of Middleboro' present the Annual Report.

It is always pleasant and satisfactory to witness and to speak of good success. We therefore take pleasure in reporting, that, during the past year, most of the schools in town have, in our opinion, made commendable progress. While your committee thus report our schools, we are equally confident that a much higher success is attainable.

No subject seems to be so much neglected and so poorly taught in a large proportion of our schools as reading. Too long and too difficult reading lessons are often assigned to children. No reading lesson is properly selected and studied unless the pupil can tell in his or her own words the substance of the story or representation. We are of the opinion that one very important step towards improvement in reading could be made by the introduction of the phonic and word methods into our primary schools, instead of instructing our little ones by the old *A B C* method, a practice long since discarded by the ablest of educators.

The primary school is the place where a foundation for an education is laid. How essential therefore that we have our Primary Schools in charge of the best of teachers. If the opportunity for laying a good foundation for an education during the years assigned to the Primary School be lost it is forever lost.

## *GRADING.*

Whoever has taken the time to visit the several schools in No. 18 must have discovered something lacking in the present system of grading, if such it may be called. It is now a long and tedious journey for the ambitious scholar, from the Primary School up through the Higher Primary, Lower Intermediate, Intermediate, Grammar, into the High School. Moreover, the various departments now overlap each other. In higher and lower grades we find classes equally advanced, and even vying with each other to see which will be farther advanced at the end of the term. That these things ought not so to be the Committee are well aware. It is the natural result of what may have been regarded as a necessity. As any room became overcrowded, without regard to scholarship, classes or parts of classes have been pushed forward to where there was room for them.

We had hoped to be able to report a new order of things at this time; but the board, having been weakened by the ill-health of one member, have found all that they could well attend to without undertaking any new project. However, Providence permitting, this matter will receive the especial attention of the Committee early in the present year.

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## *INCREASED APPROPRIATION.*

The Committee are a unit in believing that three terms of twelve weeks each are none too much for our schools. This leaves for vacations nearly one third of the year To say that terms of twelve weeks would overtax the average child is hardly defensible, and to plead a danger of their learning and knowing too much is what no sane man in

this enlightened age will undertake to do. To continue our schools thirty-six weeks is what cannot be done with the present appropriation, unless we follow the wild suggestion of one, to farm out their instruction to the lowest bidder, which would soon leave us with no schools worthy of the name. If the town think the opinion of the Committee in this matter worthy of adoption, it will be found necessary to increase the appropriation by five hundred dollars. This small sum cannot perceptibly increase the burden of the individual tax-payer while it cannot but add to the intelligence of the rising generation. Let no one think that because he and his father and grandfather make out to exist with only a very little knowledge, that their children could not make a good use of much more.

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## *SALARIED TEACHERS.*

Not a few are exercised about the unequal length of schooling in our higher and lower grades, and fancy they find an injustice in continuing the High and Grammar schools several weeks after the others have closed.

Such should be informed that our State law has taken the length of the High School out of the Committee's hands; and also that the expense to the town is no more for forty weeks than it would be for thirty, inasmuch as its instructors are hired by the year. As to expense, the same is true of the Grammar school. Such instructors as are qualified for that position must be paid by the year, and will teach a longer or shorter time, as the Committee may direct. So that the complaint of an unfair distribution of the appropriation is not justly made.

## *CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN SCHOOLS.*

It having been verified the past winter that our schools constitute a fruitful source for the spread of contagious diseases, and that serious results may accrue from neglect of taking preventive measures, we give the following rules for preventing the spread of contagion in school, as taken from the Report of the State Board of Health.

1. A certificate of vaccination is to be required of every child entering the public schools, as is the law now in Massachusetts.

2. Physicians to be required, under penalties, to report to local Boards of Health all cases of dangerous infectious diseases observed by them, the Board to inform Principals of schools.

3. The existence of any case of such diseases in a house to exclude the inmates from attendance at school for a sufficient length of time; the propriety of re-admission being certified to by a competent physician.

4. Disinfection of premises and clothing by the Board of Health in every house where the above diseases have prevailed.

5. Medical authority to be designated for the purpose of advising teachers and pupils, and pointing out to the School Committee matters in regard to which their authority might be used to improve the sanitary condition of schools.

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## *ABSENCE AND TARDINESS.*

Absence and tardiness are grievous faults. The operation of these two prevalent evils presents a great hindrance to the progress of our schools. Nothing so discourages a faithful, earnest teacher as not to have all her scholars in their places every day.

We give below the names of those pupils who have not been absent or tardy one or more terms during the school year. Seven only have the honor of presenting a clean record for the entire year.

Albert B. Shaw, Eugene F. Bowles, Eben Shaw,
Alton Atwood, Rachel F. Shaw, Katie J. Alden,
Carrie L. Southworth.

Rosa M. Eastman, not absent, and tardy only once during the whole year.

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## Scholars not Absent or tardy during a Single Term,

### SPRING TERM.

Frank Swift, Willie McMann, Herbert A. Cobb,
Eddie Soule, Henry Soule, Melvin E. Thomas,
Charlie Denham, Arthur Monroe, Levi Atwood,
Albert Deane, Willie Fitz, Freddie Maxim,
Walter Tripp, Stephen A. Drew, Johnnie Dorigan,
Bertie Fuller, Thomas McCormick, Willie Dorigan,
E. Leonard Le Baron, Charles L. Morse, Eddie Fuller,
George F. Spooner, John Curley, Michael O'Donnell.
Henry Downing,

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Mary E. Deane, Lillian M. Monroe, Ida F. Gove,
Florence Deane, Lura L. Haskell, Emily D. Le Baron,
Belle Wetherbee, Nellie M. Bowles, Carrie Chandler,
Lillie Farrington, Eva P. Wilbur, Emma Downing,
Edith M. Coffin, Carrie M. Lovell, Annie Fuller,
Julia Harrington, Allie G. Chapin, Nellie Howes,
Sadie Bonney, Nellie M. Shaw, Dora Pierce,
Katie Casey, Minnie Earle, Nellie T. Thomas,
Nellie Norris, Mary Sherman, Fannie Walley.

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### FALL TERM.

Charlie A. Savery, Myron L. Hartwell, Sumner W. Hines,
Georgie Bump, Wallace Collins, Edward B. Lovell,
Lonie Smith, Thomas F. Toole, Richard A. Matthews,

Arthur Dunham
Chester Weston,
Willie Pray,
Bertie L. Wood,
Henry S. Bryant,
John Egger,
Albert Deane,
Freddie Shaw,
Herbert Hackett,
Willie McMann,
Henry Soule,
Fred W. White,
Alton Alden,
Jessie Belmont,
Myron Raymond,
Willie Casey,
John Sheehan,
Lewis C. Le Baron,
David W. Alden,
Arthur L. Champlin,
James A. Dorigan,
Stephen A. Drew,
Thomas C. McCormick,
Stephen S. Murphy,
Joseph A. O'Neal,
Morrill L. Perkins,
Carlton K. Sparrow,
Allie H. Washburn,
Frankie Cobb,
Abiatha Cobb,
Ruel A. Thomas,
Clarence Thomas.

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Mabel E. Clark,
Edith M. Coffin,
Mary E. Deane,
Susie M. Bryant,
Nellie M. Bennett,
Julia H. Tobey,
Eliza Tobey,
Addie F. Washburn,
Annie Hackett,
Maria Herman,
Lillie B. Coombs,
Katie Dorigan,
Minnie Smith,
Lucretia B. Shurtleff,
Olli Wilbur,
Della Barrows,
Nellie Barrows,
Hannah Sherman,
Emily D. Le Baron,
Annie M. Alden,
Nellie E. Bowles,
Lena M. Bradford,
Katie J. Casey,
Bertha H. Champlin,
Minnie P. Earle,
Annie L. Fuller,
Lottie M. Fuller,
Lura L. Haskell,
Mary E. Hullahan,
Carrie M. Lovell,
Nellie O'Donnell,
Alice W. Osborne,
Nellie M. Shaw,
Ida Shaw,
Octavia Shockley,
Cora L. V. Thomas,
Nellie T. Thomas,
Ida E. Thomas,
Jennie A. Tripp,
Fannie E. Walley,
Hattie Southworth,
Ada F. Pratt.

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WINTER TERM.

Truman Savery,
Arthur Dunham,
Willie Pray,
Leslie Thompson,
Fred Shaw,
Norman Pratt,
Preston G. Clark,
John Sheehan,
Thomas J. Alden,
William McLaughlin,
Percy Thompson,
Virgil Thompson,
Charles Cushing,
S. Watson Gore,
Henry Grant,
Levi Atwood,
Charles A. Nicol,
Alfred Shurtleff.
David W. Alden,
Allie H. Washburn,

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Rena Pratt,
Jennie Bennett,
Susie M. Bryant,
Lizzie Pratt,
Mary A. Pratt,
Hattie Gibbs,
Katie J. Alden,
Nellie E. Bowles,
Emma J. Downing,
Mamie E. Sherman,
Jennie A Tripp.

## Expense for Instruction, Fuel and Janitors.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| School No. 1, | $239 75 | School No. 15, | $111 25 |
| " " 2, | 276 00 | " " 16, | 249 25 |
| " " 3, | 261 00 | " " 17, | 247 00 |
| " " 4, | 274 50 | " " 18, | 2,771 01 |
| " " 6, | 253 25 | " " 19, | 292 00 |
| " " 8, | 263 75 | " " 20, | 265 00 |
| " " 10, | 267 00 | " " 21, | 270 25 |
| " " 11, | 227 15 | " " 22, | 250 85 |
| " " 12, | 258 50 | High School, | 1,616 66 |
| " " 13, | 273 13 | Total, | $8,941 30 |
| " " 14, | 274 00 | | |

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| Town appropriation, | $8,500 00 | |
| Received from State Fund, | 234 28 | |
| " " Town of Rochester for two years, | 18 00 | |
| " for instruction in High School, | 60 00 | |
| Balance unexpended last year, | 296 54 | |
| Total | | $9,108 82 |
| Balance unexpended, | | $167 52 |

## Incidental Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| S. C. Coffin, repairs, No. 6, | $ 1 75 |
| C. C. Smith, shingling out-building, No. 1, | 3 68 |
| James Snow, repairs, No. 19, | 1 00 |
| C. W. Maxim, repairs, No. 2, | 1 00 |
| George Soule, four chairs, | 3 50 |
| H. H. Shaw, ink-wells, | 3 15 |
| C. W. Maxim, labor, No. 18 and High School, | 23 62 |
| " steps, No. 6, | 6 25 |
| " doors and labor, No. 19, | 10 85 |

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| Mrs. B. F. Lane, cleaning, No. 19, | 2 50 |
| J. K. & B. Sears, lumber, | 19 47 |
| H. A. Sparrow, repairs, No. 1, | 12 74 |
| " stock and labor, High School, | 11 19 |
| " painting and papering, No. 19, | 54 00 |
| A. H. Eaton, whitewashing fence, No. 18, | 7 00 |
| Alden & Goodspeed, mason work, Nos. 1 and 6, | 10 60 |
| Edson Ellis, repairs, No. 18, | 3 17 |
| Charles Hagen, cleaning, No. 6, | 2 50 |
| C. W. Maxim, repairs, No. 4, | 4 25 |
| Geo. O. Worcester, books, | 15 00 |
| J. S. Turner, cleaning, No. 22, | 3 00 |
| Standish & Folger, | 75 |
| Isaac Crocker, cleaning, High School, | 75 |
| Thomas Smith, grading, No. 14, | 4 54 |
| N. E. School Furnishing Co., blackboards and ink, | 7 40 |
| J. H. Willoughby, sundries for High School, | 3 64 |
| Chas. H. Thomas, grading lot, No. 19, | 5 50 |
| Shaw & Childs's bill, | 12 65 |
| John Shaw's bill, | 23 47 |
| Geo. H. Doane's bill, | 62 90 |
| E. Tinkham, repairing lock, No. 4, | 25 |
| James Sparrow, for grading, No. 3 | 1 00 |
| J. G. Nickols, for cleaning house and setting glass, No. 1, | 2 25 |
| F. M. Eddy, for cleaning house, No. 17, | 1 25 |
| Mrs. W. Gibbs, for cleaning house, No. 11, | 2 00 |
| School Supply Co., | 25 98 |
| Express, | 50 |
| G. F. Sisson, stock and labor, No. 17, | 2 50 |
| S. Sherman, labor, No. 17, | 50 |
| James Savery, stock and labor, No. 17 | 8 94 |
| L. Ashley, labor, No. 17, | 5 60 |
| F. B. Gibbs' bill, | 1 20 |

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| I. Smith's bill, | 2 96 |
| Cleaning High School room, | 1 35 |
| Trees for school house yards in No. 18, | 7 50 |
| Door steps for No. 21, | 3 25 |
| Cleaning No. 14, | 2 50 |
| Mr. Wilbur, rubber tube, | 1 70 |
| Chair for High School and express on same, | 5 75 |
| H. A. Dickerman, case of crayons, | 13 50 |
| National School Furnishing Co., for desks, | 42 50 |
| A. G. Whitcomb, Boston, for desks and settees | 74 25 |
| New England School Furnishing Co., | 2 25 |
| Freight and expressage on furniture, | 5 25 |
| Edson Ellis, labor on desks, | 14 38 |
| John Shaw, for requisites for High School, | 11 00 |
| Shaw & Childs's bill to Oct. 1, 1879 | 16 81 |
| Azel Washburn, extra cleaning, &c., | 5 00 |
| Leander Alden, work on desks, | 3 01 |
| Orrin Deane, wood, and sawing same | 3 00 |
| Total for incidentals, | $589 75 |

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## Transportation.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Mary A. Harlowe, | $30 00 | Frank Thompson, | 6 50 |
| C. T. Lovell, | 9 50 | Katie Vaughan, | 5 83 |
| Lillie Thornton, | 30 00 | Lizzie Vaughan, | 4 50 |
| Ida Mellen, | 16 50 | Maria Benson, | 7 25 |
| Alfred M. Cushing, | 17 65 | Carrie Shaw, | 7 25 |
| Lyman P. Thomas, | 24 15 | Carrie M. Bennett, | 3 00 |
| Annie Almy, | 5 92 | Emma F. Pratt, | 3 00 |
| Thomas J. Alden, | 7 50 | Henry A. Farrington, | 4 00 |
| Alice Cornish, | 14 25 | George H. Smith, | 7 25 |
| R. A. Gibbs, | 17 00 | Merritt E. Waters, | 1 50 |
| Mary Eddy, | 17 87 | | |

(From No. 5 to No. 19.)

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| George A. Cox, | 9 75 | Hal'tt Leonard pr year | 8 00 |
| Horace E. Deane, | 8 37 | Mabel E. Jefferson, | 2 50 |
| Fannie Deane, | 12 37 | Herbert P. Jefferson, | 2 50 |
| Nellie B. Wilbur, | 15 70 | Madison C. Jefferson, | 1 25 |
| Total, | | | $300 86 |

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| Total for incidentals and transportation, | | $890 61 |
| Amount of appropriation, | $800 00 | |
| Balance unexpended last year, | 229 63 | |
| Rec'd for old blinds, No. 10, | 1 00 | |
| Total, | | $1,030 63 |
| Balance unexpended | | $140 02 |

W. H. SOUTHWORTH,
J. F. SHURTLEFF,
N. T. DYER,
} School Commmittee.

The Following Table gives the information called for by vote of the Town three years ago:

| Numb'r of School. | Term. | Teacher. | Whole Number attending. | Average attendance | Wages per Month. | Weeks in Terms. | Cost of Wood. | Cost of Janitor. | When visited by Committee. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | Abbie C. Coombs. | 12 | 10 | $28.00 | 11 | | | Apr. 14, May 20, June 26. |
| | 2 | Martha S. Pickens. | 11 | 9 | " | 12 | $6.25 | | Sept. 10, Oct. 20, Nov. 17. |
| | 3 | " | 12 | 9 | " | 10 | | $2.50 | Dec. 9, Jan. 12, Feb. 5. |
| 2 | 1 | Mary F. Hagen. | 23 | 20 | 32.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 14, May 20, June 26. |
| | 2 | Abbie A. Gurney. | 31 | 28 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 10, Oct. 23. |
| | 3 | " | 32 | 25 | " | 10 | 1.50 | 2.50 | Dec. 9, Jan. 12, Feb. 5. |
| 3 | 1 | Lucia F. Keith. | 25 | 22 | 30.00 | 10 | | | Apr. 15, May 21, June 25. |
| | 2 | Mary F. Hagen. | 26 | 20 | 32.00 | 11 | | | |
| | 3 | " | 26 | 22 | 32.00 | 11 | 7.25 | 2.75 | Dec. 11, Jan. 12, Feb. 17. |
| 4 | 1 | Florence Eddy. | 41 | 29 | 32.00 | 11 | | | Apr., May, June. |
| | 2 | " | 47 | 37 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 3, Oct. 22, Nov. |
| | 3 | " | 38 | 28 | " | 10 | 12.75 | 2.50 | Dec. 17, Jan. 5, Feb. 5. |
| 6 | 1 | Clara A. Hagen. | 22 | 18 | 30.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 15, May 18. June 19. |
| | 2 | " | 19 | 17 | " | 10 | | | Sept. 9, Oct. 20, Nov. 18. |
| | 3 | " | 22 | 17 | " | 11 | 3.00 | 2.75 | Dec. 17, Jan. 16, Feb. 18. |
| 8 | 1 | Irene A. Bent. | 28 | | 30.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 14, May 20, June 23, |
| | 2 | Clara Leonard. | 26 | | 30.00 | 11 | | | Sept. 8, Oct. 16, Nov. 25, |
| | 3 | Mary E. Hammond. | 29 | | 32.00 | 10 | 11.75 | 2.50 | Jan. 2, Feb. 20. |
| 10 | 1 | Abbie A. Gurney. | 37 | | 29.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 12, May 22, June 26. |
| | 2 | E. Addie Ward. | 40 | | 30.00 | 12 | | | Sept. 9, Oct. 15, Nov. 19. |
| | 3 | " | 30 | | 32.00 | 10 | 7.50 | 2.50 | Dec. 17, Jan. 23. |
| 11 | 1 | Deborah B. Gibbs. | 13 | | 28.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 9, May 15, June 20. |
| | 2 | Nellie B. Wilbur. | 12 | | " | 9 | | | Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Nov. 26, |
| | 3 | " | 12 | | " | 10 | 6.25 | 2.50 | Dec. 16, Feb. 9, Jan. 20, |
| 12 | 1 | Lettie A. Harrington | 14 | | 29.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 10, May 19, June 25. |
| | 2 | " | 13 | | 29 00 | 11 | | | Sept. 11, Oct. 22, Nov. 20. |
| | 3 | " | 19 | | 30.00 | 10 | 9.00 | 2.50 | Dec. 19, Feb. 12. |

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| 13 | 1 | Lizzie O. Sherman. | 34 | | 30.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 6, May 20, June 24. |
| | 2 | " | 31 | | 30.00 | 12 | | | Sept. 5, Oct. 15, Nov. 19. |
| | 3 | " | 33 | | 32.00 | 10 | 10.63 | 2.50 | Dec. 11, Jan 20, Feb. 11. |
| 14 | 1 | Lillie Thomas. | | | 30.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 23, May 13, June 19. |
| | 2 | Julia P. Edwards. | 30 | 22 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 5, Oct. 27, Nov. 17. |
| | 3 | Lillie Thomas. | 23 | 17 | " | 10 | 16.50 | 2.50 | Dec. 15, Jan. 12, Feb. 6. |
| 15 | | Paid Nelson Cobb $111.25 to transport scholars to No. 6. | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 1 | Ida C. Bowles. | 27 | | 28.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 21, May 26, June 27. |
| | 2 | " | 20 | | 28.00 | 11 | | | Sept. 10, Oct. 17, Nov. 14. |
| | 3 | Alfred Cushing. | 23 | | 30.00 | 10 | 10.75 | 2.50 | Dec. 12, Jan. 21, Feb. 10. |
| 17 | 1 | Maria F. Eddy. | 19 | | 28.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 11, May 21, June 24. |
| | 2 | " | 15 | | 28.00 | 11 | | | Sept. 5, Oct. 13, Nov. 13. |
| | 3 | " | 15 | | 30.00 | 10 | 8.50 | 2.50 | Dec. 10, Jan. 22, Feb. 6. |
| 18 Gram. | 1 | H. L. Armes. | 46 | 42 | 84.44 | 13 | | | Apr. 18, May 9, June 3, |
| | 2 | " | 106 | 81 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 5, Oct. 24, Nov. 17. |
| | 3 | " | 96 | 79 | " | 12 | 89.01 for seven rooms. | 225.00 | Jan. 5, Feb. 20, |
| | | *Lillie E. Thomas. | | | 30.00 | | | | |
| | | *Emma A. Steele. | | | " | | | | |
| Intermediate. | 1 | Annie A. Lovell. | 58 | 49 | 36.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 9, May 8, June 3, June 25. |
| | 2 | " | 92 | 79 | 36.00 | 12 | | | Sept. 9, Oct. 27, Nov. 18. |
| | 3 | " | 90 | 68 | 36.00 | 10 | | | Dec. 23, Jan. 19, Feb. 19. |
| | | *Emma W. Osborn. | | | 26.00 | | | | |
| Lower Intermediate. | 1 | Lucia A. Drake. | 96 | 79 | 36.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 10, May 7, June 26. |
| | 2 | " | 55 | 42 | 36.00 | 12 | | | Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Nov. 19. |
| | 3 | " | 53 | 40 | 36.00 | 9 | | | Dec. 23, Jan. 27, Feb. 12. |
| | | †Emma W. Osborne. | | | 26.00 | | | | |
| Higher Primary. | 1 | Anna W. Harding. | 59 | 50 | 36.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 9, May 6, June 6, June 23. |
| | 2 | " | 47 | 35 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Nov. 19. |
| | 3 | " | 41 | 28 | " | 10 | | | Dec. 23, Jan. 20, Feb. 9. |

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| Primary. | 1 | Mary L. Tinkham. | 130 | 38 | 36.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 13, May 8, June 6, June 23. |
| | 2 | " | 76 | 58 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 11, Oct. 27, Nov. 20. |
| | 3 | " | 74 | 57 | " | 10 | | | Dec. 23, Jan. 20, Feb. 6. |
| | | *Julia P. Edwards. | | | 24.00 | | | | |
| 19 | 1 | Irene E. Hathaway. | 36 | 20 | 32.00 | 12 | | | Apr 21, May 22, June 6, June 25 |
| | 2 | " | 30 | 21 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 18, Sept. 28, Nov. 13. |
| | 3 | " | 32 | 21 | " | 10 | 17.50 | 2.50 | Jan. 5, Feb. 5. |
| 20 | 1 | M. Abbie Alden. | 16 | 14 | 30.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 15, May 21, June 17. |
| | 2 | " | 18 | 15 | " | 12 | | | Sept, 2, Oct. 21. |
| | 3 | " | 16 | 10 | " | 10 | 7.50 | 2.50 | Dec. 31, Jan. 19, Feb. 11. |
| 21 | 1 | Lydia S. Robinson. | 20 | 17 | 30.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 15, May 21, June 18. |
| | 2 | " | 21 | 17 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 2, Oct. 21, Nov. 20. |
| | 3 | " | 18 | 12 | " | 10 | 12.75 | 2.50 | Dec. 31, Jan. 19, Feb. 11. |
| 22 | 1 | Maria H. Shaw. | 20 | 13 | 28.00 | 12 | | | Apr. 14, June 5, June 24. |
| | 2 | " | 23 | 19 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 5, Oct. 20, Nov. 21. |
| | 3 | Emilie Neale. | 17 | 12 | 30.00 | 10 | 5.35 | 2.50 | Dec. 26, Jan. 19, Feb. 16. |
| High School. | 1 | J. H. Willoughby. | 70 | 68 | 115.79 | 12 | | | Apr. 16, Apr. 28, June 20 and 25 |
| | 2 | " | 64 | 60 | " | 12 | | | Sept. 8, Oct. 27, Nov. 21. |
| | 3 | " | 60 | 56 | " | 14 | | | January 1. |
| | | Philena N. Folger, (Assistant). | | | 47.37 | | | | |

* † ‡ ‖ Assistant one term. § Assistant two terms.

# Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees

OF THE

# MIDDLEBORO' PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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With a constant increase in the number of patrons of our Public Library, and in the number of books on its shelves, comes an increase in the labor and responsibility of its care. The statistics of its recorded work during the year are given in the

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

At the date of last report the Library numbered 2729 volumes. The present report brings the total to 2,942, an increase of 213.

The Library has been open for the delivery of books 293 days, and 20,804 have been loaned during that time, an average of 71 per day, all of which have been returned. The largest number of books delivered in one month was 2,296 volumes; in one day was 200. The number of cards issued now amounts to 2,046.

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| Amount collected for fines, | $52 77 |
| Received from sale of Catalogues, | 7 20 |

JOSEPHINE BULLARD, *Librarian.*

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Besides the books added to the "Catalogue of Accessions," there are annually accumulating valuable documents, pamphlets and broken sets of volumes, which, when arranged and completed, will add very materially to the value of the Library. A complete set of Harper's Magazine to 1880, numbering 57 volumes, has just been completed, and

when out of the binder's hands will be placed upon the shelves. A set of the "Atlantic Monthly" is partly completed, and is waiting the generosity of friends of the Library to supply wanting numbers.

The expense of repairing and rebinding continues to increase yearly. Readers must bear in mind that every cent paid for repairs reduces the available amount to be expended for new books.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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| Cash on hand at last Annual Report, | | $ 0 21 |
| Received from Town Treasurer (dog money) | | 465 72 |
| " Fines collected during the year, | | 52 77 |
| " for Catalogues sold, | | 7 20 |
| Other cash receipts, | | 1 28 |
| | | $527 18 |
| Paid for books, | $285 92 | |
| " rebinding books, | 45 25 | |
| " new table for Library room, | 6 00 | |
| " " shelves for Library room, | 10 92 | |
| " Librarian's services, | 162 00 | |
| " paper for covering books, | 3 00 | |
| " cleaning room, postage, freight, etc., | 7 98 | $521 07 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1880, | | $6 11 |

Bills for the last purchase of new books have not been paid at the date of this report.

A steady improvement is noted in the class of books called for. Some of our teachers have done their pupils a good service by directing their reading into such channels as to incite search among the more instructive books. It can hardly be doubted that our Library will reach its highest object and end only when its contents are sought for the information to be obtained there, rather than for the amusement of the hour.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JOSEPH E. BEALS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Middleboro', March 1, 1880.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1879—80.

| Term expires 1880. | Term expires 1881. | Term expires 1882. |
|---|---|---|
| WM. H. WOOD, | WM. R. PIERCE, Pres't, | GEORGE BRAYTON, |
| E. ROBINSON, | NOAH C. PERKINS, | JAMES M. COOMBS, |
| E. S. HATHAWAY, | A. L. WESTGATE, | JOSEPH E. BEALS. |

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# Report of the Selectmen and Assessors

for the year ending February 8th, 1880.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Voted for repairing highways, | | $4500 00 | |
| New roads and special repairs, | | 1600 00 | |
| Clearing highways of snow, | | 500 00 | |
| Sidewalks, | | 700 00 | |
| Support of schools, | | 8,500 00 | |
| Incidental school expenses, | | 800 00 | |
| Support of Poor, | | 4,000 00 | |
| Support of Insane, | | 800 00 | |
| Town officers and incidental expenses, | | 2,000 00 | |
| Payment on Town House, | | 5,000 00 | |
| " new school house, | | 1,000 00 | |
| Interest on debt, | | 2,100 00 | |
| Night watch, | | 90 00 | 31,590 00 |
| Less corporation tax, | | | 4,000 00 |
| | | | $27,590 00 |
| State tax, | $ 720 00 | | |
| County tax, | 2,809 61 | | |
| Overlaying, | 1,465 91 | | 4,995 52 |
| Total assessed, | | | $32,585 52 |

APPROPRIATED AFTER THE TAX WAS VOTED.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For enlarging school house and lot, and for a furnace in District No. 18, | $1,700 00 | |
| For indigent soldiers and sailors, | 500 00 | |
| grading sidewalks, | 150 00 | $2,350 00 |

## HIGHWAYS.

There has been expended for repairs of the Highway Surveyors as follows:

### North Section.

| District. | Surveyor. | Before June 1st. | After. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | Levi F. Tinkham, | $480 00 | $264 37 | $744 37 |
| " 1, | William Downing, | 1 20 | | 1 20 |
| " 2, | L. E. Thomas, | 260 00 | 238 35 | 498 35 |
| " 3, | J. G. Vaughan, | 241 66 | 69 90 | 311 56 |
| " 4, | Lys'der Richmond, | 100 00 | 151 25 | 251 25 |
| " 5, | I. E. Macomber, | 41 00 | 20 00 | 61 00 |
| " 6, | Jared F. Alden, | 90 13 | 22 73 | 112 86 |
| " 7, | Seth O. Wilbur, | 50 00 | 25 30 | 75 30 |
| " 8, | Daniel Alden, | 52 00 | 128 81 | 180 81 |
| | | 1,315 99 | 920 71 | 2,236 70 |

### East Section.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | Thomas C. Morse, | 48 38 | 22 41 | 70 79 |
| " 2, | James W. Briggs, | 46 63 | 44 62 | 91 25 |
| " 3, | A. H. Soule, | 65 37 | 60 35 | 125 72 |
| " 4, | H. A. Simmons, | 45 56 | 12 25 | 57 81 |
| " 5, | Darius Smith, | 40 26 | 16 10 | 56 36 |
| " 6, | R. F. Thompson, | 38 30 | 61 84 | 100 14 |
| " 7, | H. W. Atwood, | 74 99 | 31 15 | 106 14 |
| " 8, | Arad Covington, | 41 81 | 21 47 | 63 28 |
| " 9, | Warren Wood, | 48 31 | 35 35 | 83 66 |
| " 10, | James Snow, | 108 90 | 42 47 | 151 37 |
| " 11, | Samuel Cushman, | 60 00 | 24 80 | 84 80 |
| | | 618 51 | 372 81 | 991 32 |

### South Section.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | Austin G. Atwood, | 56 51 | 17 46 | 73 97 |
| " 2, | John E. Smith, | 43 75 | 37 37 | 81 12 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 3, Henry W. Smith, | 129 10 | 50 67 | 179 77 |
| " 4, Hosea F. Maxim, | 96 61 | 35 75 | 132 36 |
| " 5, Edward N. Barrows, | 35 25 | 72 75 | 108 00 |
| " 6, Isaac S. Cushman, | 97 98 | 45 20 | 143 19 |
| " 7, Samuel Clark, | 100 00 | 70 53 | 170 53 |
| " 8, Alden Miller, | 60 76 | 73 38 | 134 14 |
| " 9, George S. Clark, | 72 70 | 20 00 | 92 70 |
| " 10, Walter H. Smith, | 65 86 | 21 90 | 87 76 |
| " 11, S. S. Wrightington, | 38 31 | 49 25 | 87 56 |
| " 12, Josiah H. Thomas, | 86 48 | 69 12 | 155 60 |
| | 883 32 | 563 38 | 1,446 70 |

SUMMARY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| North Section, | $1,315 99 | $920 71 | $2,236 70 |
| East " | 618 51 | 372 81 | 991 32 |
| South " | 883 32 | 563 38 | 1,446 70 |
| Total, | $2,817 82 | $1,856 90 | $4,674 72 |

## NEW ROADS, BRIDGES AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

### North Section.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Levi F. Tinkham for building Clifford street, | $ 98 06 |
| Levi F. Tinkham, repairs Courtland street, | 62 26 |
| Levi F. Tinkham, Main street and bridges, | 89 25 |
| Levi F. Tinkham, paving on Centre street, | 37 57 |
| L. E. Thomas, on Taunton and Centre streets, | 392 36 |
| John G. Vaughan, on Oak street, | 96 50 |
| " " North " | 26 72 |
| " " Warren's Bridge, | 3 45 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. K. & B. Sears, for lumber, Warren's Bridge, | | 9 45 |
| Paid I. E. Macomber, repair on Clay and Pleasant streets, | | 81 00 |
| Paid Sanford Weston, cutting bushes, | | 4 37 |
| Jared F. Alden, on Pleasant street $49 73, less $25 00 to be paid by Cyrus Eaton, | | 24 73 |
| Jared F. Alden, Centre street, | | 8 29 |

EAST SECTION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James W. Brigg, repairs on Plymouth street, | | $114 23 |
| H. A. Simmons, Plymouth street, | | 195 03 |
| Cyrus Smith, for land for town way (paid by Z. E. Phinney, | | 20 00 |
| James Snow, repairs on Nemasket Hill, | 75 39 | |
| Lumber for Nem'ket bridge, | 41 | 75 80 |
| R. F. Thompson, repairs on Thompson street, | | 28 75 |
| L. W. Savery, railing bridges, | | 2 50 |
| Samuel Cushman, repairs on Precinct street, | | 40 00 |
| Richard Carter, moving wall, etc., | | 25 00 |

SOUTH SECTION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid F. B. Gibbs, repairs on Hiland street, | | 50 37 |
| H. C. Tinkham, repairs on Hiland street, | | 100 00 |
| Abner W. Sherman, repairs on Pond street, | | 98 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Erastus Sherman, repairs on Pond street, | 14 00 | |
| C. T. Westgate, lumber for bridge on Pond street, | 9 28 | |
| A. T. Clark, railing, Pond street, | 65 31 | |
| Geo. S. Clark, repairs on Wareham street, | 120 00 | |
| Geo. S. Clark, repairs on Cherry street Bridge | 28 93 | |
| A. G. Atwood, repairs on Fresh Meadow Bridge, | 30 83 | |
| Pratt & Co., lumber for Fresh Meadow Bridge, | 24 24 | |
| B. P. Wood, mowing bushes, | 2 00 | 1,957 28 |

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## SIDEWALKS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Levi F. Tinkham, $240 87, $22 paid by B. Chase, one-half of walk by his house, | $218 87 | |
| L. E. Thomas, | 198 83 | |
| J. G. Vaughan, on North and Oak streets, | 23 50 | |
| J. G. Vaughan, setting curb stone by Thatcher's Block, | 36 94 | |
| C. H. Thomas, concreting by Thatcher's Block, one-half of cost, | 50 00 | |
| C. H. Thomas, concreting by post-office, | 13 20 | |
| J. T. Washburn, repairing work by Ira Thomas's store, | 13 00 | |
| Jared F. Alden, Pleasant street, | 17 32 | |
| C. H. Paine, grading sidewalk, | 176 87 | |

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid J. B. LeBaron, gravel and cinders, | 72 12 |
| E. F. Tinkham, gravel, | 18 00 |
| Third Baptist Society, gravel, | 7 50 |
| Grover Bennett, gravel, | 3 12 |
| James Snow, | 21 99 |
| Adney Jackson, gravel, | 16 00 |
| S. A. Sherman, sand for filling, | 15 00 |
| Savery Bros, " " | 5 00 |
| Albert F. Reed, land for gravel, | 12 50 |
| Simeon M. Pratt, land for gravel, | 10 00 |

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## SNOW BILLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Levi F. Tinkham, | $103 10 |
| William Downing, | 15 60 |
| John G. Vaughan. | 18 25 |
| T. J. Pratt, | 3 50 |
| I. E. Macomber, | 4 60 |
| Seth O. Wilbur, | 13 60 |
| Henry E. Bryant, | 26 40 |
| I. H. Thompson, | 7 50 |
| Jas. W. Briggs, | 44 70 |
| Henry E. Bryant, | 26 40 |
| James Snow, | 3 40 |
| A. H. Soule, | 23 85 |
| Darius Smith, | 7 63 |
| James P. Sparrow, | 21 00 |
| Samuel Cushman, | 2 25 |
| Arad Covington, | 5 35 |
| Z. Sturtevant, | 6 05 |
| Geo. W. Wood, | 5 00 |

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|---|---|
| Hosea F. Maxim, | 5 55 |
| F. A. G. Atwood, | 5 80 |
| H. Hobill, | 9 75 |
| Eben A. Shaw, | 34 80 |
| E. J. Wrightington, | 8 20 |
| J. H. Thomas, | 44 75 |
| S. Benson, | 9 10 |
| E. N. Barrows, | 26 60 |
| B. P. W. Lovell, | 80 35 |
| H. W. Carver, | 14 80 |
| Geo. S. Clark, | 48 20 |
| Elnathan Sherman, | 22 10 |

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid C. B. Wood, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, | $450 00 |
| Joseph T. Wood, Selectman and Assessor, | 175 00 |
| Albert T. Savery, Selectman and Assessor, | 115 62 |
| Abisha T. Clark, Selectman and Assessor, | 50 00 |
| Alpheus K. Bishop, Selectman and Assessor, | 61 62 |
| Solomon Chapin, School Committee, | 123 25 |
| J. F. Shurtleff, School Committee, | 82 50 |
| W. H. Southworth, School Committee, | 64 50 |
| C. B. Wood, Overseer of the Poor, | 34 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid A. C. Wood, Overseer of the Poor, | 71 00 | |
| Milton Alden, | 8 25 | |
| James Cole, constable, | 68 70 | |
| L. M. Alden, constable and special police, | 16 80 | |
| L. M. Alden, Truant Officer, | 40 75 | |
| " watching at lock-up six nights, | 9 00 | |
| S S. Lovell, special police, | 4 00 | |
| S. Mendall, " " | 4 00 | |
| Geo. Rich, night watch, | 45 00 | $1,424 49 |

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John Shaw, stationery, | $ 11 37 |
| J. C. Sullivan, services on account of New Bedford water question, | 20 00 |
| Peirce & Paige, drain pipe, | 9 37 |
| J. M. Coombs, printing, | 157 20 |
| H. W. Atwood, scraper, | 3 00 |
| Allen Chamberlain, scraper, | 3 00 |
| C. H. Paine, running town line, one-half to be paid by other towns, | 69 00 |
| S. H. Sylvester, expense stocking ponds with fish, etc., | 4 40 |
| S. Benson, Com. on Road, | 3 00 |
| M. Alden, " " | 8 15 |
| Geo. Waterman, Committee on stone crusher, | 2 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid J. B. LeBaron, Committee on stone crusher, | 3 00 | |
| Chas. H. Morse, damage on highway, | 5 00 | |
| J. R. Bishop, on town line, | 6 25 | |
| Geo. S. Clark, gravel screen, | 8 50 | |
| Peirce & Paige, drain pipe, etc., | 43 95 | $357 19 |

## GUIDE BOARDS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. G. Sparrow for repainting and putting up 49 guide boards and painting and putting up 57 new guide boards, | $160 70 | |
| Also for painting and putting up 128 street sign boards, as per vote of the town, several new boards included, | 128 00 | |
| For furnishing and putting up 64 guide and street board posts, | 64 00 | $352 70 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expended on Highways for repairs, | $4,674 72 | |
| " " " new roads and special repairs, | 1,958 28 | |
| Expended on town officers and incidental expenses, | 1,781 68 | |
| Expended on Sidewalks including grading, | 748 53 | |
| Snow Bills, | 648 18 | |
| Gravel Account, | 181 23 | |
| Guide and Street Boards, | 352 70 | 10,345 32 |

## FISH ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received cash of George Brayton for right to take fish, | $420 00 | |
| Received cash for inspection at East Taunton, | 130 00 | $550 00 |
| Paid L. M. Alden for inspection and cash paid out, | $51 87 | |
| Jas. A. Burgess, for inspection and cash paid out, | 60 00 | |
| John Cudworth, for inspection, | 8 50 | |
| Milton Alden, inspection, etc., | 6 10 | |
| J. H. Waterman, inspection, | 6 00 | |
| A. B. Bosworth, inspection at East Taunton, | 105 00 | |
| F. A. Bosworth, board at East Taunton, | 36 28 | |
| J. T. Wood, time and expense, | 8 05 | |
| Rent of land for fish house, | 3 00 | |
| J. C. Sullivan, for services trying fish cases, | 15 00 | $299 80 |
| Balance to divide with Lakeville, | | $250 20 |
| Middleboro's proportion, | $206 99 | |
| Lakeville's proportion, | 43 21 | $250 20 |
| The whole number of fish taken, | | 81,213 |

20,000 additional salmon spawn have been put into the large ponds the past year.

## LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Due on notes, principal and interest, Feb. 1, 1880, | | $26,484 95 | |
| Notes at 7 per cent. (Town House), | 12,500 | | |
| Notes at 6 per cent., | 11,700 | | |
| Notes at 5 per cent., | 2,000 | | |
| Due teachers, etc., for present term, estimated, | | 2,000 00 | |
| Town officers and Committee, estimated, | | 800 00 | |
| Unpaid orders and outstanding bills, estimated, | | 100 00 | |
| Probable loss on bills now in collector's hands, | | 300 00 | $29,684 95 |

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1880, | $6,508 73 | |
| Due on taxes in collector's hands for 1879 and previous years, | 4,175 93 | |
| Due from State for State aid, | 1,728 65 | |
| " " military aid, one-half of amount paid, | 165 00 | $12,578 31 |
| Balance of indebtedness, | | $17,106 64 |

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## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX FOR 1880.

| | |
|---|---|
| For repair of highways, | $4,500 |
| New roads and bridges and special repairs, | 1,500 |
| Support of schools, | 9,000 |
| Incidental school expenses, | 800 |
| Support of Poor, | 4,000 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Support of Insane, | $800 | |
| Town officers and incidental expenses, | 2,000 | |
| Payment on Town House, | 5,000 | |
| Payment on New School House, | 1,000 | |
| Sidewalks, | 700 | |
| Clearing highways of snow, | 300 | |
| Extra appropriation after tax was voted, | 2,000 | |
| Interest on debt, | 1,800 | $33,400 |
| Less corporation and bank tax, | | 4,000 |
| Total tax, | | $29,400 |

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## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

### North Section.

| No. Polls. | Personal Valuation. | Real Valuation. | Total Valuation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 907 | $316,635 | $1,356,390 | $1,673,025 |

### East Section.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 261 | $47,770 | $320,461 | $368,231 |

### South Section.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 351 | $64,989 | $397,827 | $462,816 |

### Total.

| No. Polls. | Personal Valuation. | Real Valuation. | Total Valuation. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1520 | $429,394 | $2,074,678 | $2,504,072 |

Per cent. assessed $12 10 on $1000

| | No. of Horses. | Cows. | Sheep. | Houses. | Acres. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In North Section, | 336 | 251 | | 578 | 8,843 |
| In East Section, | 171 | 227 | 22 | 207 | 10,907 |
| In South Section, | 199 | 331 | 86 | 273 | 18,096 |
| Total, | 706 | 809 | 108 | 1,058 | 37,846 |

## FISH WAY.

There has been nothing done about the Fish-Way at the shovel works dam as yet. Mr. Brackett of the Board of Fish Commissioners was here last spring, and after examining the way, stated that if we would decide what kind of a Fish-Way would be satisfactory to the town, and give him the P. O. address of the owner of the mill (dam?), he would do his best to have it built.

At a town meeting, January 24th, 1880, it was voted that the matter of this Fish-Way be referred to the following committee, viz.: L. M. Alden, Ellis Weston and Wm. B. Wood, to report at a future meeting. This committee have decided to recommend that the town ask the Commissioners to cause a new way to be built on the south-east side of the dam, beyond all the works, similar to the one at the Star Mills. The distance is about 300 feet, width proposed, 6 feet, and the fall is about one foot in thirty feet.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,
ALBERT T. SAVERY,
ABISHA T. CLARK.
} Selectmen of Middleboro'.

March 8th, 1880.

# Report of the Treasurer and Collector

for the year ending February 1st, 1880.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand as per report of 1879, | $6,858 74 | |
| Unpaid taxes, | 4,342 27 | $11,201 01 |
| Received as follows: | | |
| From School Committee for tuition, | $40 00 | |
| George Brayton, for fish, | 420 00 | |
| B. P. Wood, | 1,200 00 | |
| Middleboro' Savings Bank, | 10,500 00 | |
| M. B. O'Keeffe, | 200 00 | |
| Licenses, | 20 00 | |
| S. B. Cushing, | 100 00 | |
| T. M. LeBaron, | 350 00 | |
| J. C. Shaw, | 150 00 | |
| W. C. Swift, | 100 00 | |
| I. Smith, | 200 00 | |
| State Treas., Corporation Tax, | 3,056 16 | |
| " Bank Tax, | 973 61 | |
| " State Aid, | 1,600 00 | |
| " Soldiers and Sailors, | 784 00 | |
| N. E. Trust Co., | 42 50 | |
| Mass. School Fund, | 234 28 | |

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|---|---|---|
| The following cities and towns on account of Fish: | | |
| Dighton, $20, Freetown, $10, | | |
| Fall River, $10, Raynham, $20, | | |
| Taunton, $30, Berkeley, $20, | | |
| Somerset, $20, | 130 00 | |
| B. Chace, | 22 00 | |
| Sundries, | 3 80 | |
| Taxes committed in 1879, | 32,635 14 | |
| Summons and interest, | 104 84 | $52,866 33 |
| | | $64,067 34 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid School Committee's orders, | $9,561 18 | |
| Selectmen's and Auditors' orders, | 10,391 35 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, orders, | 4,969 18 | |
| Town House Committee's orders, | 405 87 | |
| School House Building Committee's orders, | 1,524 69 | |
| Painting Committee's orders, | 285 04 | |
| Notes and Interest, | 18,943 21 | |
| State Aid, | 1,819 65 | $47,900 17 |
| J. E. Beals, Public Library, | 465 72 | |
| State Treasurer, on account of Corporation Tax, | 21 21 | |
| Town Clerk, for receiving or obtaining, recording and indexing the marriages, births, deaths in 1878, | 68 15 | |
| George L. Soule, return of deaths, | 15 75 | |
| N. King, services as Moderator, | 10 00 | |
| Treasurer and Collector for one year's services, | 450 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| County Treasurer, County Tax, | 2,809 68 | |
| State " State " | 720 00 | |
| Support of George E. Wallace at State Work House, | 35 75 | |
| Sundries, | 25 30 | $4,621 56 |
| Remittances, | 860 95 | |
| Unpaid taxes, | 4,175 93 | |
| Cash on hand, | 6,508 73 | $11,545 61 |
| | | $64,067 34 |

C. B. WOOD, *Treasurer and Collector.*

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the town to settle with their Treasurer, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for for the year ending February 1st, 1880.

ICHABOD F. ATWOOD,
JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

Middleboro', March 6, 1880.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor

for the year ending February 1st, 1880.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of money drawn from the town Treasury, | | $4,969 18 |
| Received from the town of Plymouth for aid rendered A. Lucas and O. Bagnall, | $33 80 | |
| Received from Thomas Moakley, | 25 01 | |
| " " Town of Westport for aid rendered Mrs. Gifford, | 86 13 | |
| Received from city of New Bedford for aid rendered Mrs. Hoyt, | 7 50 | |
| Received from town of Plympton for aid rendered J. F. Goldsboro, | 33 01 | |
| Received from town of Duxbury for aid rendered H. W. Thayer, | 12 00 | |
| Received from town of Wareham for aid rendered E. D. Butler, | 44 00 | |
| Received from town of Barnstable for aid rendered Mrs. Hamblin, | 173 63 | |
| Received from State treasurer on account of State paupers, | 16 00 | |
| Received for board of Peter Anderson, | 11 57 | |
| " on account of pensions, | 156 67 | |
| " for sales made from the farm, | 196 86 | $796 18 |
| | | $5,765 36 |

Paid out as follows, viz.:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For support of Paupers in the Almshouse, | | $1,404 05 |
| Out of the Almshouse to the following persons and families: | | |
| Mrs. Levi Chace, | $51 00 | |
| Caroline W. Packard, | 76 50 | |
| Mrs. Lorenzo F. Smith, | 72 00 | |
| Wybra Weeks, | 75 00 | |
| Eunice M. Hoyt, | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Andrew B. Perry, | 132 50 | |
| Mrs. James E. Richmond, | 70 00 | |
| Mrs. William Ives, | 7 50 | |
| Lydia Jones, | 50 00 | |
| Mrs Wilson Swift, | 51 00 | |
| Mary Lawrence, | 183 93 | |
| Rachel Thomas, | 40 00 | |
| Ellen Cole, | 78 00 | |
| Lydia Marchant, | 95 50 | |
| Lucy B. Young, | 54 50 | |
| Rosalie A. Thyng, | 52 00 | |
| Sarah A. Reed, | 10 41 | |
| Annette Reed, | 77 53 | |
| Lucy B. Tinkham, | 106 00 | |
| Emerson P. Morse, | 174 37 | |
| George Darling, | 8 00 | |
| Stillman B. Morse, | 166 83 | |
| Betsey C. Cobb, | 50 00 | |
| Sarah C. Benson, | 52 00 | |
| Gilbert A. Lyon, | 12 00 | |
| Ephraim S. Bell, | 53 00 | |
| Charles Jones, | 55 00 | |
| Allen Cobb, | 33 00 | |
| Israel Wood, | 24 81 | |
| *Carried forward*, | | $1,404 05 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Brought forward,* | | $1,404 05 |
| Ann S. Standish, | 72 50 | |
| Phineas Haskins, | 49 67 | |
| Abner Lucas, | 7 50 | |
| Olive Bagnall, | 9 00 | |
| Pelham E. Gibbs, | 6 18 | |
| John Raymand, | 24 49 | |
| Joseph Harvey, | 3 00 | |
| Mrs. Winslow Raymond, | 18 60 | |
| David P. Shurtleff, | 4 00 | |
| Sylvanus Tinkham, | 9 66 | |
| Milton E. Reed, | 119 17 | |
| Rebecca Gifford, | 14 13 | |
| Henry H. Lovell, | 22 12 | |
| Hattie Lewis, | 17 00 | |
| Alice Burgess, | 1 50 | |
| E. D. Butler, | 44 00 | |
| Daniel McGrady, | 18 00 | |
| Samuel B. Maxim, | 2 00 | |
| Harvey S. Curtis, | 16 00 | |
| John Goldsboro, | 27 00 | |
| Alfred O. Standish, | 20 00 | |
| Martin F. Jefferson, | 18 00 | |
| Frederick R. Raymond, | 10 00 | |
| Stephen C. Ryder, | 9 00 | |
| Emily F. Perkins, | 144 00 | |
| Charles Lucas, | 6 37 | |
| Mrs. Bradley Gay, | 2 05 | |
| Mrs. Charles H. Gardner, | 15 00 | |
| James Robbins, | 25 00 | |
| Mrs. Noah Maxim, | 78 00 | |
| Samuel D. Raymond, | 3 37 | |
| Horace W. Thayer, | 113 00 | |
| *Carried forward,* | | $1,404 05 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Brought forward,* | | $1,404 05 |
| Edwin Haskell, | 9 75 | |
| Edward Soule, | 5 00 | |
| Charles H. Gammons, | 7 00 | |
| William C. Ashley, | 15 00 | |
| Charles F. Gibbs, | 7 00 | |
| Edwin J. Westgate, | 2 69 | |
| Polly Chamberlain, | 9 00 | |
| Clarinda Morse, | 24 00 | |
| Robert R. Clark, | 2 50 | $2,928 73 |
| In Taunton Lunatic Hospital: | | |
| Thomas J. Shaw, | 187 21 | |
| Nancy F. Hamblin, | 173 63 | |
| Patrick Murphy, | 181 30 | |
| Henry C. Keith, | 175 90 | |
| Andrew M. Eaton, | 75 76 | $793 80 |
| Sears's bills for lumber, | 47 00 | |
| Alden and Goodspeed, for work, | 18 43 | |
| Mendall and Vaughan, for work, | 30 60 | |
| Bricks and Shingles, | 62 25 | |
| A. C. Wood's expense removing Mrs. Silvar to Tewksbury, | 6 50 | |
| A. C. Wood's expense to Lawrence, etc., | 5 25 | |
| Dr. E. W. Drake, for professional services, | 8 33 | |
| Dr. Hodgson, for professional services, | 35 42 | |
| E. S. Lovell and wife, for one year's services to Feb. 1, 1880, | 425 00 | $638 78 |
| | | $5,765 36 |

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|---|---|
| Whole number in the Almshouse during the year, | 489 |
| Of which number were transient, | 469 |
| Remaining the whole time, | 17 |

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| Present number in Almshouse, | | 19 |
| Whole number of weeks for one person, | | 1,028 |
| Of which number were transient, | | 76 |
| Average number for the year, | | 20 |
| Average expense per week, excluding interest on farm and salaries, | | $1 62 |
| Average expense per week, including interest on farm and salaries, | | $2 25 |
| Amount of Real Estate in 1879, | $3,715 00 | |
| " Personal Estate in 1879, | 1,604 48 | $5,319 48 |
| " " " 1880, | $1,560 10 | |
| " Real Estate in 1880, | 3,715 00 | $5,275 10 |
| Less than in 1879, | | $44 38 |

C. B. WOOD,
A. C. WOOD,
S. MENDALL,
Overseers of the Poor.

## REPORT OF TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The report herewith presented is from March 1st, 1879, to March 1st, 1880.

| | | |
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| Cash in hands of Committee as by report of last year, | | $144 32 |
| Received for rent of Hall and Rooms, | | 891 50 |
| | | $1,035 82 |
| Paid J. H. Kelley, slating, | $68 10 | |
| N. D. Wilbur, gas bill, | 70 50 | |
| H. Moulton, self-supporting ladder, | 6 40 | |
| C. Thomas, concrete, | 3 00 | |
| J. T. Washburn, work on furnace, | 11 72 | |
| L. Lincoln & Son, iron work, | 1 00 | |
| J. H. Shaw, lumber and carpentering, | 12 90 | |
| G. H. Doane, bill for supplies, | 15 56 | |

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|---|---|---|
| A. C. Wood, kindling wood, | 10 00 | |
| W. B. Wood, janitor, one year, | 468 00 | |
| Sundry small bills, | 7 01 | $674 19 |
| Paid town Treasurer to reimburse him for orders drawn on him, favor of P. Washburn & Son, coal bill, | 173 79 | |
| N. D. Wilbur, gas bill, | 184 58 | $358 37 |
| | | $1,032 56 |
| Cash in hands Committee, Mch 1, 1880, | | $3 26 |

A. C. WOOD,
MILTON ALDEN, } Committee.
J. B. LEBARON,

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By a vote of the town the Town House Committee were chosen a committee to draw the appropriation made by the town to pay Geo. W. Rich for services as watchman, and have accordingly drawn an order on the town Treasurer to the amount of $47 50.

A. C. WOOD,
MILTON ALDEN, } Committee.
J. B. LEBARON.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO' IN 1879.

| DATE. | NAME. | RESIDENCE. | NAME. | RESIDENCE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jany. 1 | Sylvanus Hinckley, | Middleboro', | Mrs, Nellie McClure, | Middleboro', |
| 2 | Walter F. Folger, | " | Susie J. Thomas, | " |
| 5 | George A. Burnham, | Carver, | Rachel A. Breach, | Carver, |
| 19 | Walter T. Bryant. | Middleboro', | Susan E. Freeman, | Middleboro', |
| 21 | Nath'l W. Leonard. | " | Mary T. Macomber, | " |
| 28 | Eben A. Stanchfield. | Fall River, | Abbie A. Atwood, | " |
| 30 | Chas. A. Tinkham, | Middleboro', | Anna L. Bradley, | " |
| Feby 1 | Wendall H. White, | " | Anna Childs, | Fall River, |
| 9 | Nahum S. Leach, | Bridgewater, | Hannah E. Hall, | Middleboro', |
| 19 | James R. Claybrook, | Middleboro', | Sarah Thompson, | Sandwich, |
| 19 | Calvin Perkins, | Bridgewater, | Joanna Stevens, | Middleboro', |
| 26 | Augustine B. Hay, | Amherst, | Martha J. Lovell, | " |
| Mar. 1 | Nelson R. Shaw, | Carver, | Mary H. Atwood, | Carver, |
| 8 | Ansel Ellis, | Acushnet, | Lizzie F. Braley, | New Bedford, |
| 27 | Charles B. Babcock, | Middleboro', | Winifred C. Marvel, | Middleboro', |
| Apr. 2 | Edward P. Haney, | Raynham, | Carrie F. Hackett, | " |
| 8 | Lyman M. Hathaway, | Middleboro', | Julia E. Coombs, | Lakeville, |
| 8 | Thomas J. LeBaron, | " | Sylvia A. Morse, | Middleboro', |
| 9 | Jesse B. Ryder, | " | Alice Burrell, | " |
| 13 | Matthias Pratt, | Carver, | Phebe M. Shurtleff. | Carver, |
| 24 | Stephen P. Drew, | Middleboro', | Mercy S. Grinnell, | Middleboro', |
| 30 | Frederick P. Chace, | " | Lucy C. Chace, | " |
| May 1 | Walter S. Robinson, | Bridgewater, | Alice B. Osborn, | Lakeville, |
| 24 | David W. Thompson, | Middleboro', | Clarissa Phinney, | Plympton, |
| 31 | Frank O. Briggs, | Taunton, | Ida F. Round, | Taunton, |
| June 3 | Isaac B. Macomber, | Portsm'th, R.I. | Abbie A. Cushman, | Middleboro'. |
| 4 | Joseph L. Perkins, | Middleboro', | Laura F. Leonard, | Bridgewater, |
| 7 | Wallace M. Bryant, | " | Addie A. Penniman, | Middleboro', |
| 12 | Southworth Loring, | " | Elvira S. Lewis, | Fitchburg, |
| 14 | William Weeks, | " | Ellen Shea, | Middleboro', |
| Sept 15 | Calvin Bradford, | " | Mary Dunn, | Philadelphia, |
| 17 | Arthur A. Barrows, | " | Jennie M. Burt, | Middleboro', |
| 27 | Albert W. Elliot, | " | Lillie B. Lane, | Sandwich, |
| Oct. 5 | Fred. J. Shurtleff, | " | Emma C. Waterman. | Middleboro', |
| 23 | Eddie C. Gurney, | Bridgewater, | Annie C. Holmes, | Bridgewater, |
| 25 | Herbert M. Haskins, | Lakeville, | Ida J. Washburn, | Lakeville, |
| Nov. 1 | Edward S. Gay, | Middleboro', | Mary S. Waterman, | Middleboro', |
| 6 | Charles P. Washburn, | " | Helen M. Rich, | " |
| 9 | Harry C. Vaughan, | " | Lucy J. Wrightington, | " |
| 11 | James F. Tribou, | " | Mary Wynne, | Foxborough, |
| 12 | Walter S. Griffith, | Wareham, | Sarah I. Hathaway, | Middleboro', |
| 16 | Erastus B. Shaw, | Middleboro', | Lucy C. M. Phillips, | " |
| 24 | David E. Vaughan. | " | Mary E. Shaw, | " |
| 27 | John H. Sullivan, | " | Bridget Nevins, | Nantucket, |
| 27 | Edward A. Hoxie, | " | Priscilla B. Mitchell, | Middleboro' |
| 27 | W. Osgood Eddy, | " | Elvira E. Cushman, | " |
| Dec. 1 | Otis A. Haskell, | " | Emma E. Blackwell, | " |
| 17 | Herbert B. Surrey, | " | Abby E. C. Smith, | " |
| 24 | Franklin E. Peirce, | " | Lizzie P. Whitcomb, | " |
| 24 | George N. Atwood, | Taunton, | Nettie J. Johnson, | " |
| 25 | Job L. Cole, | Middleboro', | Mary A. Bailey, | Taunton, |
| 26 | Herbert W. Maxim, | " | Marcietta Bassett, | Harwic,h |
| 26 | Lorenzo N. Warlter, | Lakeville. | Hannah M. Loner. | Lakeville. |

C. B. WOOD, *Town Clerk.*

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO' IN 1879.

| DATE. 1879. | NAME. | Y | M | D | DISEASE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan'y 3, | Almeda Caswell, | 55 | 6 | | Pneumonia. |
| 7, | Alice Washburn, | 16 | 5 | | Typhoid Fever. |
| 13, | Polly Wood, | 78 | 7 | 4 | Pericadilis. |
| 14. | Elizabeth Raymond, | 59 | | | Unknown. |
| 16, | George W. Moore, | 43 | | | Dropsy of Heart. |
| 16, | Sophia Barrows, | 84 | 7 | 21 | Dilictation. |
| 20, | Cora F. Haskins, | 13 | 9 | 13 | Consumption. |
| 23, | Rebecca Gifford, | 91 | 10 | | Old Age. |
| 23, | Mary A. Matthewson, | 71 | 11 | 14 | Heart Disease. |
| 26, | James Warren, | 82 | 10 | 26 | Influenza. |
| 28, | Oberton C. Messer, | 1 | 9 | 7 | Heart Disease. |
| Feb. 3, | Noah Clark, | 70 | 4 | 21 | Apoplexy. |
| 3, | Elizabeth Tinkham, | 69 | 1 | 17 | Apoplexy. |
| 9, | Annie M. Ramsdell, | 18 | 2 | 12 | Consumption. |
| 9, | George Thompson, | 57 | 8 | 9 | Dropsy of Kidneys. |
| 14, | George L. Smith, | 56 | 2 | 21 | Heart Disease. |
| 26, | Marcus A. Gurney, | 43 | | | Suicide. |
| Mch. 2, | Roland E. Gammons, | 80 | 10 | 8 | Cystitis. |
| 3, | George Darling, | 51 | 3 | 21 | Consumption. |
| 6, | Calvin Pettee, | 63 | | 21 | Consumption. |
| 21, | Andrew M. Perkins, | 52 | 7 | 26 | Suicide. |
| 22, | Betsey D. Leonard, | 70 | 7 | 11 | Peritonitis. |
| 27, | Maria E. Thompson, | 36 | | | Consumption. |
| 27, | Olive S. Wilbur, | 78 | 8 | 0 | Inflammation of Lungs. |
| 30, | Laura S. Crossman, | 69 | | | Pneumonia. |
| Apr. 5, | Arthur C. Cushman, | 1 | 10 | 21 | Pneumonia. |
| 9, | Isaac Cushman, | 94 | 9 | | Old Age. |
| 10, | Edward M. Woodward, | 38 | 1 | | Consumption. |
| 14, | Arnold Leach, | 91 | 4 | | Heart Disease. |
| 18, | Hannah Jackson, | 92 | 2 | 2 | Peritonitis. |
| 21, | Alice B. Packard, | | 2 | 24 | C'bro Spinal Meningitis. |
| 21, | Susan M. Waterman, | 54 | 3 | 6 | Apoplexy. |
| 29, | Louisa Wood, | 69 | | 2 | Pneumonia. |
| May 2, | Ephraim Hunt, | 76 | 3 | | Apoplexy. |
| 5, | Annie M. Caswell, | 16 | 1 | 2 | Pneumonia. |
| 5, | Lothrop Shurtleff, | 64 | 9 | 4 | Consumption. |
| 12, | Benjamin F. Wood, | 75 | 2 | 23 | Pericarditis. |
| 15, | Caroline A. Perkins, | 38 | 6 | 19 | Diphtheria. |
| 18, | Katie D. Wright, | 18 | 6 | 10 | Pulmonary Consumption. |
| 19, | Charity W. Clark, | 65 | | | Ovarian Dropsy. |
| June 2, | Lucy A. Wallen, | 41 | 9 | | Consumption. |
| 13, | Flora M. Elliot, | 22 | 2 | | Pneumonia. |
| 13, | James D. Reed, | 68 | | | Hemorrhage. |
| 18, | Asenith W. Briggs, | 48 | | 27 | Umbilical. |
| 21, | Emery A. Johnson, | 60 | 4 | 23 | Consumption. |
| 21, | Elizabeth R. Williams, | 32 | | | Typhoid Fever. |
| 23, | Ezra Maxim, | 82 | | | Consumption. |
| 25, | Mary W. Bisbee, | 16 | 8 | 10 | Consumption. |
| July 3, | Edmund W. Dean, | 69 | | 14 | Icterus. |
| 10, | John LeBaron, | 91 | 8 | 22 | Semite Gangrene. |

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| DATE. 1879. | NAME. | Y | M | D | DISEASE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| July 11, | Sarah M. Bicknell, | 58 | 11 | 11 | Heart Disease. |
| 18, | Chipman B. Goodspeed, | | 6 | | Whooping Cough. |
| 27, | Huldah McFarlin, | 59 | 1 | | Paralysis of throat. |
| 29, | Mary F. Fitz. | 38 | 7 | 12 | Bright's Disease. |
| Aug. 1, | Huldah C. Driggs, | 59 | 10 | 11 | Sclerosis. |
| 15, | Lillian M. Earle, | | 8 | | Cholera Infantum. |
| 22, | Oliver Parker, | 77 | 3 | 11 | Paralysis by injury from face. |
| Sept. 2, | George C. Ryder, | 23 | 3 | 9 | Paralysis. |
| 3, | Abiel N. Downing, | 52 | 2 | 6 | Heart Disease. |
| 5, | Lorenzo Wood, | 55 | 9 | 10 | Nervous Prostration. |
| 9, | Joshua Wood, | 77 | 7 | 7 | Asthma, old age, Shock. |
| 12, | Edward H. Wood, | 3 | 9 | 26 | Meningitis. |
| 15, | Annie C. Lucas, | | 4 | | Cholera Infantum. |
| 18, | Daniel Alden, | 83 | 2 | 6 | Asthma, Old Age. |
| 22, | Arthur L. Gammons, | 3 | 1 | 14 | Croup. |
| Oct. 6, | Nellie C. Shurtleff, | 36 | | | Consumption. |
| 16, | Ellen E. Soule, | 32 | 3 | 14 | Phthisis. |
| 21, | Thomas F. Driscoll, | 1 | | 6 | Pertussis. |
| 28, | Juliette C. Shaw, | 60 | | 20 | Apoplexy. |
| Nov. 8, | Isabella L. Ashley, | 8 | 7 | 8 | Dysentery. |
| 19, | John B. Cobb, | 49 | | | Softening of Brain. |
| 27, | Helen M. Washburn, | 25 | 5 | 2 | Acute Phthisis. |
| Dec. 3, | James E. Dixon, | | 6 | 5 | Meningitis. |
| 14, | Patience D. Hull, | 39 | 1 | 14 | Apoplexy. |
| 29, | Sarah C. Tinkham, | 69 | 4 | 7 | Apoplexy. |

C. B. WOOD, *Town Clerk.*

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 22D, 1880.

Article 1st.—To choose a Moderator.

Article 2d.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.: Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Constables and Fish Wardens.

Article 3d.—To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year.

Article 4th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.

Article 5th.—To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the town and order the payment of the same.

Article 6th.—To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of the Treasury.

Article 7th.—To vote the pay to the Treasurer and Collector for his services the past year, and Sealer of Weights and Measures for two years.

Article 8th.—To dispose of the town's right to take Alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

Article 9th.—To see if the town will vote that yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be Town Pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they also be chosen Pound Keepers.

Article 10th.—To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Almshouse, and act anything thereon.

Article 11th.—To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

Article 12th.—To take action in relation to clearing the Highways of snow the present year.

Article 13th.—To choose a committee to have the care of the Town House and lot.

Article 14th.—To hear and act on the reports of any Town Officers or Committees of the town.

Article 15th.—To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

Article 16th.—To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense of a Night Watch at the "Four Corners," and act anything thereon.

Article 17th.—To see if the town will repair the "Fish-way" at "Muttock" (so called), and act anything thereon.

Article 18th.—To take such action as the town shall see cause in reference to regulating the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleboro', Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown, and to the enforcing the provisions of said lease.

Article 19th.—To see if the town will instruct their Assessors to take a new valuation the present year, and act anything thereon.

Article 20th.—To see if the town will authorize their School Committee to purchase textbooks for use in the public schools, and act anything thereon. (By request).